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(*d*) The proposal was abandoned in 1932 as it was reported that the ryots would not give any undertaking as to the payment of a contribution, that the outfall sluice, if constructed, would only afford relief for a few days in every year, and that even then local rainfall, if heavy, would nullify the effects of the sluice as local drainage would get blocked up.

Erection of a culvert over a revenue channel in Venkatapuram, Vellore taluk.

* 33 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the villagers of Venkatapuram, Vellore taluk, of the North Arcot district, petitioned to the Collector of North Arcot for the erection of a culvert over a revenue channel passing through the village;

(*b*) whether the Collector had promised the erection of the culvert on payment of the contribution of one-fourth of the total cost of the construction;

(*c*) whether the villagers were asked by the Collector to assign the required lands to the Government; and

(*d*) what progress has been made in the erection of the culvert?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have no information but have called for a report.

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Representation by the South Kanara District Landholders' Association for the suspension of the resettlement operations.

* 34 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the representation made by the South Kanara District Landholders' Association for suspending the resettlement operations till the present economic depression passes off; and

(*b*) whether any final orders have been passed in regard to this matter?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. The Government have decided to consider after the publication of the scheme report the views put forward in the resolution as regards suspending the resettlement operations in South Kanara district.

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Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" May I know whether the question referred to in clause (*a*) will not be a bit too late if its consideration is put off till after the publication of the scheme report?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I do not think so. The question of enhancing the rates will depend on the conditions shown in the scheme report and on conditions when the resettlement is introduced."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" Where is the necessity to await the publication of the scheme report?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I understand that the scheme report itself will embody certain recommendations in this regard, and those recommendations are therefore awaited."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" Is not the main object of the resettlement an enhancement of the present rate?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" That is not the only object; there are other matters dealt with at resettlement."

Orders, if any, of the Government on the resolutions passed at the meeting of the landholders of Puttur taluk, held on 29th April 1933.

* 35 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the proceedings of the meeting of the landholders of Puttur taluk held on 29th April 1933 have been received by the Government;

(*b*) whether a copy of the said proceedings will be placed on the table of the House; and

(*c*) whether the Government have considered the resolutions passed at that meeting and passed any orders in regard to them?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A copy[a] of the resolution is appended.

(*c*) An extract of resolutions Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 9 has been forwarded to the Board of Revenue for consideration when submitting its remarks on the scheme report of the South Kanara district.

As to resolutions Nos. 6 and 8 the hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 46 and as to resolution No. 7 to the answer to question No. 30.

Resettlement operations in the Salem district.

* 36 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the resettlement operations in the Salem district are;

(*b*) when they will be completed and brought into effect;

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 136–137 infra.